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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PONENTS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. P. MCLEWIS, Esq.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Draws granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$350 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Draws may be on behalf of relations, of friends &c. in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing one ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office.

6.—When the form is presented with ten cents stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

7.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

8.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports, by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

9.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

10.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

11.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

12.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent is necessary.

13.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

14.—For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES of the

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATOR of the Bank, when they will be given a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS OF NOTES will be required to present them to the LIQUIDATOR at a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the OFFICES OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the

OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR

OF THE

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,

By his Attorneys,

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

H. HOWARD TAYLOR,

Hongkong, August 24, 1884. 1285

MANILA CIGARS.

WE HAVE Received a Large Stock of our SPECIAL VIGUEROS, and they can now be PURCHASED of the following Agents:—

CANTON, FOOCHEW, SHANGHAI, HANKOW,

A. B. WATSON & CO.

SWATOW.—MESSRS. QUELCH & CO.

AMOY.—MR. N. MOULLE,

Hongkong, December 5, 1884. 2046

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-

NESS will be Commenced on the

1st MAY, 1884.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

COMPANY,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

NOTICE.

THE attention of Connoisseurs in

MANILA CIGARS is invited to a smoke

made to our order from the Finest Leaf

Tobacco of the Philippines. In Boxes of 100 price \$3.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 3, 1884. 1867

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884,

under the Companies Acts 1863, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "

" 12 " " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts open on Terms which

may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMA-
HOMED JAIRAZBHOY PEER-
BHOY, as a PARTNER in my Firms,
carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG and
SHANGHAI; in my own Name, from Kartak
Sook 1st Swant Year, 1941 (19th October,
1884); and the said Firm will henceforth be
designated and carried on under the Style of
JAIRAZBHOY PEERBHOY & Co.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBHOY.

Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2039

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, Mr.
JAIRAZBHOY KHETSEY is au-
thorised to sign our Firms in China from
this date.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBHOY & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2060

NOTICE.

WE Beg to give Notice, that We intend
to OPEN a BRANCH of our Firm, as
Public TEA INSPECTORS and COM-
MISSION AGENTS, in CANTON, for the
coming Tea-Season.

MARGESSON & Co.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1884. 1979

NOTICE.

VICTORIA HOTEL, Prova and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed
establishment, situated in one of the
most central and airy positions in the
Colony and commanding a splendid view
of almost the entire harbour and within
few minutes walk of the principal Gov-
ernment Offices (including the Post
Office). BATH, has recently been
much enlarged and improved and is now
one of the principal Hotels in the place.
The Hotel also contains handsome and
comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard
and Smoking Rooms.
The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort,
convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE and HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

NOTICE.

THE VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS, Queen's Road CENTRAL,
Ex Glenavon.

Black SILK and BROCHÉ SILKS,
Plain, Black and BROCHÉ SILK VELVETS,
Very Handsome MILLINERY VELVETS,
Beaded GOLD, SILVER and STEEL,
Beaded BONNET CROWNS and LACES to
match VELVETS,
Gossamer in all Colours,
New FLOWERS, FEATHERS and HAT ORNA-
MENTS,
Infants' WOOL HATS, SHOES and PETTICOATS,
Ladies' WOOL SHAWLS in large variety.

Hongkong, November 15, 1884. 1931

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR

New Christmas Toys.

THIS Year's PARCEL contains ELECTRICAL and
MECHANICAL TOYS, also a Splendid
Assortment of NOVELTIES.

A 'MASCOTTE'

MECHANICAL CLOWN and MICK
CIRCUS RIDER,
ENGINEERS,
EAGLE GAMES,
SPEAKING,
DOGS' TRUNKS and DRESSES,
DOLL and BAT, SKIPPING ROPES,
WHIPS, TOPS and BALLS,
MAN and PIG,
GUINEA PIG,
JOCKY and HORSE,
MONKEY and DOG,
COCK FIGHT,
ORGAN GRINDERS,
GOURMAN,
MACHINERY,
GUN-BOAT,
DUMPTY SHOW.

MUSICAL MONKEY,
TOPS,
CORNETS,
NIKKERS,
PLAVERS,
DANCERS,
ENGINES,
SURPRISE SHAKER,
CHINER BATTLE,
TOY ARTILLERY,
GUN BOATS,
SUNDAY TOYS,
THE MYSTERIOUS CABINET,
FRENCH & ENGLISH DOLLS,
DRESSED
JOINTED
SURPRISE

YANKEE DOLES,
MODERN BONNETS,
MA and PA,
SPEAKING,
DOGS' TRUNKS and DRESSES,<br

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 63, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),
ARE NOW
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CODEFISH, Boned.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF, 25 lbs.
Bacon Island SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting's Desert FRUITS in 2 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCOCOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
Cracked WHEAT.
HOMINY.
HONEY.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL
KEROSENE OIL.

KAI-SAR-I-HIND
CIGARETTES
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.50
per mile.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER
in 1-lb Tins.

AGATE IRON WARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

HOLMES' DISTRESS SIGNALS.
HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex-late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S. T. O. R. E. S.,
including:

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
THYSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JOEDON ALMONDS.

FINE YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.
Yarmouth BLOATERS.
Kippered HERRINGS.
Herrings & M SARDINES.

CAVIAR.
COCONUTINA.
Van HOUTEN'S COCOA.
KFF'S COCOA.

COOKING STOVES.
PARLOUR STOVES.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pins & quartz.
1833 GRAVES, " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SAINTON'S MANZANILLA & AMON.
TILLADO.
SAINTON'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNY PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COVONIAN'S BRANDY.
DIXON'S OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
BOONE'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
BOONE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOELLY PEAT & CO'S VERMOUTH.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and O BAGNE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMBRON and
SANDERS, pins and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pins and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED.

CIGARS.

Five New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 cent Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Hongkong, November 22, 1884. 170

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL PERFORM
TON TAYLOR'S COMEDY
'STILL WATERS RUN DEEP',
on
TUESDAY EVENING,
the 16th Instant.

Performance will commence at 9 P.M. sharp.
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY.

The Plan of the Theatre can be seen and
Seats secured at the CITY HALL, on Saturday
and Monday next, from 9 to 10.30 A.M.

Those who have not seen the Lists and
wish to subscribe for Tickets at \$2—each
will please send in their Names to the
HONORARY SECRETARY.

H. J. H. TRIPPE,
Hon. Secretary,
H. K. A. D. C.
Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2062

To Let.

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 52, LYNDHURST TERRACE.
Thoroughly Repaired and Painted.
Apply to BELLIOS & Co.
Hongkong, December 10, 1884. 2071

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE STEAMSHIP JAPAN,
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

Apply to J. J. FRANCIS,
Hongkong, December 10, 1884. 2070

TO LET.

NO. 1 and 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, Bon-
ham Road.
The PREMISES lately occupied by MESSRS.
SAYLE & Co. ('VICTORIA EXCHANGE') in
Queen's Road, with Dwelling-house above and
Godown on Ground-floor. To be let either
in conjunction with Store or separately.
POSSESSION from 1 November next.
Apply to

H. A. WOOLNOUGH,
Hongkong Dispensary,
Hongkong, October 11, 1884. 1731

TO LET.

NO. 7, SEVENOAK TERRACE,
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
No. 200, PHAYA CENTRAL.
No. 44, GHANAH STREET.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 707

TO LET.

NO. 7, SEVENOAK TERRACE,
No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
No. 200, PHAYA CENTRAL.

For Particulars, apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1884. 2023

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PHAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued and the Furni-
ture on view the day previous to the Sale.

TERMS.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auditors.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

To-day's Advertisements.

THE GAIETY COMPANY.
Sale Proprietor, GEO. NOVRIE.
From THE THEATRE ROYAL, Calcutta;
and THE GAIETY THEATRE, Bombay.

Patrons:

T. K. H. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS,
of Connaught.

His Excellency THE MARQUIS of Ripon,
His Excellency SIR JAMES FERGUSON,
&c., &c., &c.

WILL IF POSSIBLE GIVE
TWO PERFORMANCES,
enroute, for Shanghai.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE,
will be

GILBERT'S CLASSICAL COMEDY,
entitled

YGMALION & GALATEA.

AT THE
SECOND PERFORMANCE,
will be presented

A HUSBAND IN CLOVER,
And the
ORIENTAL BURLESQUE

BROWN & THE BRAHMIN.

Full Particulars will be duly announced
on the arrival of the Company.

The Plan of the Theatre may be seen and
Seats secured at Meers KELLY & WALSH's.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2076

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP JAPAN,
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

Apply to J. J. FRANCIS,

Hongkong, December 10, 1884. 2070

TO LET.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Fu-wei,

Capt. BANFOOT, will be
despatched for the above

Port TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2080

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Mendous,

Captain NELSON, will be
despatched as above TU-

MORROW, the 12th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2077

FURNITURE-SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been
instructed to sell by Public Auction,
at the Residence of J. J. FRANCIS, Esq.,
"Sunnyside", Bonham Road, on

FRIDAY,

the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.—

His ELEGANT ENGLISH & CANTON
BLACK WOOD FURNITURE,

comprising—

SATIN and COTTON-COVERED CHAIRS
and COUCHES, MOROCCO-COVERED LOUNGES,
BLACKWOOD TABLES and TEA-BOYS, BOMBAY
CANED COUCHES, MARBLE-TOP WALNUT
TABLES, OTTOMAN MIRRORS, OLEOGRAPHS,
CERAMO-LITHOGRAPHS, CARPETS, LAMPS,
&c.

SIDEBOARD, DINING TABLE, WHATNOTS,
GLASSWARE and CHOUKERY, FENDERES and
FIRE IRONS.

IRON BEDSTEADS, DRESSING TABLE and
WASHSTAND, CHEST of DRAWERS, CATVED
BOOKCASE, &c.

Also,
A ROSEWOOD COTTAGE PIANO, by
LUNAU, LIEBECK.

AMERICAN ORGAN, by D. F. BRATTY.

JINRICKSHA, and CANOE.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued and the Furni-
ture on view the day previous to the Sale.

TERMS.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auditors.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2082

TO LET.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHINA VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Catolina,

Captain WILSON, will load here
for the above Port, and have quick des-
patch.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2086

FURNITURE-SALE.

Per Japan, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs. T.

GARDNER, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. INGHAM, and
479 Chinese dealers.

Per Mandoo, from Shanghai, Capt. MC
CAIN, Messrs. S. ROBERTSON and Hopkins,
and 131 Chinese.

Per Mendous, from Singapore, &c., 107
Chinese.

Per Greyhound, for Hoochow, 140 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Fukien, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

days' detention when they should be entirely confined to it.

A DISTRESSING accident occurred on board H. B. M. ship *Audacious*, on Tuesday afternoon. While the crew were engaged in cleaning deck, one of the able seamen, named Thomas William Hay, in trying to jump from the main lower deck, into the topmast rigging, missed his hold, and fell to the deck, a distance of 80 feet. He was taken to the Royal Naval Hospital as soon as possible, suffering from a severe fracture of the left thigh, bones of the face and lower jaw, as well as internal contusion of the abdomen, and shock to the general system. The unfortunate seaman lingered alive until shortly after five this morning. It is surprising that he was not killed instantaneously by the fall. At an inquest held at the Royal Naval Hospital this afternoon, it was stated that the jump which the deceased attempted to make was an ordinary one and done regularly at drill. The jury who enquired into the case returned a verdict of accidental death.

The Mercury understands that the steamer *Lee-queen*, lately returned to the Chinese, and a Peho tug-boat are frozen in Tian-tsin.

According to the Mercury of the 5th inst., a grand review of Chinese war vessels was to be held on the Yangtze during the week. The new German *Admiral*, in charge of the squadron, was to command.

LONDON, Nov. 6th.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. F. H. O'Donnell, Member for Dukeravon, was, under the new rules of procedure, named by the Speaker, and suspended from his functions as a member of the House.

Mr. J. Roberts, the Customs diver, is still busily engaged in raising the guns, etc., which were sunk in the Min. When the *Toku* left he had one of the large guns stung belonging to the vessel that sank near the *Glenfinnan* and he expected to lift it every day.—*Standard* Courier.

NEXT A year has elapsed, says the North Borneo Herald, since Mr. de Lissa left our shores; and, with his wonted energy, he has not allowed the grass to grow under his feet in the intervening period. He has visited China, Sajron and Australian ports; he holds a power of Attorney from the Australian Borneo Company, is the representative of the powerful Australian Timber Syndicate, in which Messrs. Acock, Green and Ellis are largely interested, and is also instructed to negotiate terms with the Government on behalf of the Colonial Gun Company of Melbourne. Mr. de Lissa, through great report and through skill, has remained faithful to North Borneo and is now reaping the well-earned reward of his steadfastness and presence.

WHILE the tenors of the telegraphic advices received by us from Peking have been, say the N. G. D. News, for some time consistently pacific, a movement is on foot elsewhere of a directly opposite tendency. Where need, we think, no longer any mystery surrounds the true fact that a descent by the Chinese on the blockaded coast of the Amakai has been decided on, and that the attacking fleet will shortly form for the assault. With regard to the immediate destination of the ships, and their action before making straight for Tamsui and Kuei-ling, we shall, of course, be silent, though full particulars have been placed in our possession. It is sufficient to say that five men-of-war from the Nanking squadron, and seven from the fleet of the Pei-yang, have been detailed for this desperate service. Twenty-four Germans have been engaged, one gunner and one engineer being apportioned to each ship, the whole to be under the direction of a German commander subject to the authority of Admiral Wu. It seems as if the Chinese were becoming weary of the defensive attitude in which they have been compelled to stand for so long, and, finding the French attack comparatively feeble, have decided to strike a blow from their side. It is, of course, likely enough that they may suffer a severe and terrible defeat; but they are willing to run the risk of that, rather than prolong the present most unsatisfactory state of things.

A Chinese steamer, a steamer of high rank and ex-Viceroy of Ssu-kiang, named Yang Yuen-ping, has been ordered to relieve Tung-ling, at Canton, and to take command of the fleet; while P'eng is to go north with to Tonquin as Commander-in-Chief of the forces, in co-operation with Liu Jung-fu. The importance of these movements is, we think, considerable, and if no unforeseen emergency occurs to prevent their execution, we shall probably hear of stirring events in the South.

The following items are from the N. C. D. News:

We hear that the pay of the Germans engaged for the projected operations in South is £150 per month for each gunner and £100 for each engineer. Compensation to the family of any man killed during an engagement is fixed, we believe, at £14,000. It is to be hoped that some surgical provision has been made for these men.

The British forces leaving Taku Bay on the 30th November. A bleak cold north wind was blowing with a force of 3. The weather was clear and frosty; the barometer registering 30°30', and the thermometer 33°. Ice was to be seen on the banks of the P'ing. On the 23rd November, the river was nearly blocked with ice. While the steamer was crossing the bar, the water was freezing on her decks. On the way down she got into snow storms, and, at one time, she had four inches of snow on her decks. The coast from Chefoo to the Promontory was covered with snow.

Telegraphic advices from the North announced that £20,000 have already been paid to H. M. Prince Ch'ien on account of the loan contracted by him, and that £1,300,000 more will be paid to him shortly.

A Chinese correspondent in Kooching writes to us that the guns are constantly sweeping the river to the blockaded port of Ningpo, the intention being to prevent the entrance of the inhabitants with rice, but it is probable that in nearly every instance the *Yamen* seize the grain for their own use, and then drive the people away.

On Thursday (December 4th) morning, three or four shots were fired from the *Ward* from the Weining Fort, over the shot striking the water within 100 feet from the ship. The *Ward*, *Nord*, was cruising about outside Liuchow, *Ward* picking up *shabu-shabu*, and as it was early in the morning she had no fire flying. Some of the shots or shells were fired after the flag was hoisted. It is probable the Chinese did not think the word "30,000" meant for short voyage. Meant that the men could carry that quantity when that part of the gunners which was not required in short voyage was filled up with *shabu-shabu*.

At this time ought to be able to distinguish her from a French man-of-war.

The Regatta.

This year a regatta promises to be one of the most successful, at least in the matter of competition among the members of the Victoria Recreation Club, that has ever been held in Hongkong. All arrangements have been completed by the Committee and Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart), the last of whom has devoted himself to perform his laborious duties with great heartiness and energy. Through the kindness and thoughtfulness of Mr. T. Arnold, the Secretary of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, the Committee have been able to obtain the river steamer *White Cloud* as a flagship. Though not so magnificent a ship as last year's flagship, the *Caprice*, the *White Cloud* will no doubt be found commodious and well suited for the purpose to which she is to be devoted to-morrow. She is now moored in her position of the New Pier at Kowloon. The Honorary Secretary will be represented on board by Mr. Addis, who has kindly consented to act for Mr. Lockhart, who will row in several of the races on both days. Admission to the flagship will be by ticket, which can be obtained from Mr. H. R. Coombs the Honorary Treasurer, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant afternoon's fun on the water. The Judge of the Rowing Races (Messrs. Trip and Leigh) will take up their positions on the long pier, in line with the flagship. We shall this year miss the valuable services of Mr. J. P. McEuen, who for some years officiated as judge. A lighter, kindly loaned by the P. & O. Company, will be moored near the flagship for the accommodation of rowers. Messrs. A. P. MacEwen and E. L. Woodin will again act as Starters and Umpires in the rowing races and will follow the boats in Mr. J. S. Brower's handsome launch *Hilde*. *Tiffin* will be provided to subscribers on board the flagship. Arrangements had been made that on the first day the band of the *Audacious* should enliven the visitors on board the flagship with music, and the band of *Buffs* on the second day. Unfortunately, however, on account of the bandmen of the *Audacious* having to attend the funeral of a comrade, who accidentally fell from the rigging and sustained so severe injuries that he died, they will not be able to attend. Perhaps, however, the band of the *Buffs*, to whom the community at large owe many pleasant trials, will step into the breach and perform on both days. The favour asked for would, we are sure, be highly appreciated. Mr. Sargent will award the prize to the winner, and Miss Sargent will present the lucky winners of the Ladies Prize with that much coveted trophy.

As regards the competition themselves, it may be safely assumed that the contests in all the events in which the members compete will be very keen, and we have no doubt those in the men-of-war's men's and sailing races will also be spirited. There are at present, however, no Russian or American boats, and it is likely that the French men-of-war at present will be too busy to send forward any boats.

The *Fame* will make three trips to the flagship, at the following times: 12.30; 1.30; and 3.30.

The following are the tips of a correspondent for some of the events:

First Day.

The Chinese Cup.—Shamrock, Glass, stroke. American Cup.—Koratong, Goodall, stroke. Chairman's Cup.—Row, Kultau, stroke. International.—Scotch crew.

German Cup.—Goodall's crew.

Members Cup.—Stewart's crew.

Ladies' Prize.—Glass and Goodall.

There will be no sculling races. The Scotch have not yet decided whether Stewart or Glass will stroke the crew.

This afternoon, the Club crews, numbering 30 men, were photographed at the Bath House.

More tips.

The following "tips" have reached us from another source:—

Chinese Cup.—1. Glass's crew.

2. Gwynn's crew.

3. Stewart's crew.

American Cup.—1. Goodall's crew.

2. Hughes' crew.

3. Brownlow's crew.

Chairman's Cup.—1. Glass's crew.

2. Hughes' crew.

3. Goodall's crew.

SUPREME COURT

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. G. Phillips, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

Thursday, December 11.

STEVENS AND OTHERS v. BURKE & SONS.—
822, 841.

Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs. Breton, Wotton and Deacon, appeared for the plaintiffs, and the Attorney General (for the *Salter*, Mr. E. O'Malley) and Mr. A. G. Wise, instructed by Messrs. Sharp and Stokes, represented defendants.

The jury was composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. A. MacCormac, A. Macdonachie, T. Arnold, D. B. Banton, A. P. MacEwen, N. A. Sibley and E. Burke.

The cross-examination of Mr. James was resumed this morning. Mr. James first produced the charter party of the *Fame*, *Ward*, *Nord*, *Wolfe* and *Portuguese*. The *Portuguese* was chartered in April, 1852, shortly after the charter of the *Wolfe* was renewed, and the *Wolfe*, in January, 1852, shortly before the renewal of the charter of the *Nord*. These steamers were of nearly the same tonnage and speed as the *Fame*, which proved to be 1000 tons.

In answer to his question, Mr. James said he did not think the word "30,000" meant for short voyage. Meant that the men could carry that quantity when that part of the gunners which was not required in short voyage was filled up with *shabu-shabu*.

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Mr. James' examination was completed.

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